

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CRAIG HOSPITAL

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the remarkable history and invaluable contributions of an extraordinary hospital in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is fitting that we recognize this outstanding institution for its leadership in health care and rehabilitation and for its enduring service to the people of our community and our Nation. It is to commend this distinguished organization that I rise to honor the Craig Hospital on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, "Celebrating a Century of Rebuilding Lives."

The growing importance of innovation in health care to our well being as a society and our quality of life is well documented. Craig Hospital is a powerful community of hope and it provides people with new possibilities. Craig has set the standard for quality patient outcomes. It is an internationally recognized leader in health care and has long been recognized as a premier national center of excellence in the specialties of rehabilitation and research for patients with spinal cord injuries and acquired brain injuries.

From its founding as the "Tent Colony of Brotherly Love" in 1907 to the world class facility we know today, Craig Hospital continues to be a beacon of hope and remains committed to the well being of its patients. Rehabilitation is a process very different from traditional medical care. It involves teaching patients and families to care for themselves. It requires setting high expectations and hard work by patients to maximize neurological recovery, restore functional abilities and make the psychological adjustments needed to remain as independent and productive as possible.

Since 1956, Craig Hospital has treated more than 25,500 patients—more spinal cord injury patients than any other single facility in the world. Last year, Craig treated patients from 48 states and for the past 18 years, it has been ranked among the Top Ten Rehabilitation Hospitals by U.S. News and World Report. Its spinal cord and traumatic brain injury rehabilitation programs are designated by the U.S. National Institute on Disability Rehabilitation and Research (NIDRR) as Model Systems Centers. Since 2006, Craig is the NIDRR National Database and Statistical Center (HDSC) for the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems.

Craig Hospital has burnished a reputation of compassion and legacy of care rivaled by very few. Patients have characterized Craig Hospital as "a miracle (that is) here for patient care, not for health care dollars;" as "phenomenal at all they do for patients and families." It comes as no surprise that Craig Hospital has been awarded Magnet Designation—a national honor—by the American Nurses Credentialing Center for its excellence in staff

collaboration and teamwork and for the spirit of inquiry among bed-side nurses as to what is best for patient care. Truly we, as residents of the 1st Congressional District, are fortunate indeed to have an asset of such magnitude in our community.

Please join me in commending Craig Hospital for its 100 years of leadership in health care and its invaluable service to our community and our Nation. It is the commitment and dedication that Craig Hospital and members of its staff exhibit on a daily basis which continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all of our people.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF NANCY OSBORNE'S SERVICE TO KFSN-TV ABC 30

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the distinguished career of Nancy Osborne, on the occasion of her 30th anniversary of being part of the KFSN-TV ABC 30 family in California's Central Valley.

Nancy grew up on Army bases in the United States as well as Japan and Turkey. She graduated from Las Cruces High School in New Mexico and attended New Mexico State University for 3 years. In between a 5-year hiatus from college and motherhood, Nancy relocated to Fresno, CA, in 1973. Upon settling in Fresno, she returned to college and graduated from Fresno State University with a bachelors of arts degree in speech communications in 1976.

A year into graduate school at Fresno State, Nancy accepted a reporting job with KFSN-TV 30, the local ABC affiliate television station in Fresno, California and became one of only a handful of women in the local broadcast industry. Nancy's success continued as she joined the anchor team at KFSN-TV in the fall of 1977 and again in 1980 when she produced and anchored the Valley's first locally produced news magazine show along with co-anchoring the Action News Program.

Nancy's promising career with ABC 30 continued throughout the years and in 1996 she accepted the challenge of joining the Action News Management team. While continuing her coverage of the Valley's political scene and issues involving children and families, she was named Executive Producer—Special Projects, a position which allowed her to play a key role in helping shape Action News around the clock.

In January 2004, Nancy returned to reporting full time, bringing her experience and expertise to the expanding daily Action News coverage. In addition to full-time reporting, Nancy also co-anchors Action News Live at Five with Warren Armstrong.

Through the 30 years of service and loyalty to KFSN-TV ABC 30, Nancy Osborne has

demonstrated the highest level of dedication to her community. She has emerged as one of the Valley's most trusted names in news and her contributions to the Valley's broadcast industry will never be forgotten. It is my sincere hope that continued health, prosperity, and success be with Nancy through all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RANDY PRIDEAUX

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Randy Prideaux, a civic-minded business leader and longtime resident of Union Grove, Wisconsin whose energetic commitment to his community touched countless lives. Randy died unexpectedly last week, sending waves of shock and sorrow through Southeastern Wisconsin, where he was well-known through his business and civic leadership.

Randy worked his way up the ladder at Union Grove Lumber over nearly 40 years to become CEO of this local lumber and hardware business. He also served as a member of my Small Business Advisory Board, and I am grateful that he took the time to share his expertise with us. He knew the challenges that small business owners face day in and day out, and his insights on issues from health care to tax policies were very helpful. If there was one thing you could always count on, it was that Randy would tell you what he truly thought, whether he agreed or disagreed with you. His candor and his dedication to doing what is right for Union Grove will be sorely missed.

Besides working to strengthen the community as an employer and businessman, Randy gave back in many other ways. Altogether, he served 20 years on the Village Board. He was active in the Union Grove Lions Club and had served two terms as president. He also served two terms as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

In his personal life, Randy was a devoted family man, who recently became a grandfather. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, children, granddaughter, mother, and brother, and the many friends throughout Wisconsin who mourn his loss.

HONORING JUDITH REED MEHAL

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judith Mehal for over 28 years of dedicated service in the public education system.

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